## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A clutch disk for a friction clutch, said clutch disk comprising:

a friction lining carrier which can be mounted for rotation about an axis;

at least one friction lining element connected to said friction lining carrier for rotation in common with said friction lining carrier, said at least one friction lining element being displaceable circumferentially with respect to said carrier by a limited amount;

a restoring arrangement which preloads said at least one friction lining element against circumferential displacement with respect to said friction lining carrier; and

means for generating a friction force which opposes displacement of said at least one friction lining element with respect to said friction lining carrier.

2. A clutch disk as in claim 1 wherein each said friction lining element has a friction surface and an oppositely facing rear surface which rests against an axial support surface of said friction lining carrier to generate said friction force.

3. A clutch disk as in claim 2 wherein each said friction lining element comprises a carrier plate which carries a friction lining, said rear surface being provided by said carrier plate.

4. A clutch disk as in claim 1 further comprising an axial pretensioning arrangement assigned to each said friction lining element and pretensioning the friction lining element in such a way that the friction force is reduced when the clutch disk is not engaged.

5. A clutch disk as in claim 4 wherein the axial pretensioning arrangement comprises at least one spring element.

6. A clutch disk as in claim 5 wherein said at least one spring element is provided on the at least one friction lining element.

7. A clutch disk as in claim 5 further comprising a friction element interposed between said at least one spring element and said friction lining element, said friction element being displaceable essentially only axially with respect to with respect to said friction lining carrier.

8. A clutch disk as in claim 1 wherein each said friction lining element has a radially outer area, said friction lining carrier comprising at least one radial retaining projection extending axially over each said radially outer area.

9. A clutch disk as in claim 1 wherein each said friction lining element has a radially outer area, said clutch disk further comprising at least one holding

component holding each said friction lining element axially on the friction lining carrier, each said holding component having a radial retaining portion extending axially over each said radially outer area.

10. A clutch disk as in claim 1 wherein said friction lining carrier comprises at least one opening adjacent to each said friction lining element, each said friction lining element having at least one radial retaining projection which engages a respect said at least one opening .

11. A clutch disk as in claim 1 wherein each said friction lining element has a pair of circumferentially opposed end areas, said restoring arrangement comprising restoring elements which act on respective said end areas.

12. A clutch disk as in claim 1 wherein each said restoring element comprises a first support area, which engages the friction lining carrier, and a second support area, which engages a respective said end area, said first and second support areas holding said at least one friction lining element axially with respect to said friction lining carrier.

13. A clutch disk as in claim 12 wherein each said first support area comprises a retaining opening which engages said carrier, and each said second

support area comprises at least one retaining opening which engages said friction lining element.

14. A clutch disk as in claim 11 wherein at least one of said restoring elements comprises a leaf spring.

15. A clutch disk as in claim 14 each said at least one of said restoring elements comprises a plurality of leaf springs and a pair of retaining elements holding said leaf springs together.

16. A clutch disk as in claim 15 wherein said retaining elements are supported on said friction lining carrier.

17. A clutch disk as in claim 11 wherein said friction lining carrier comprises recesses which receive respective said restoring elements, each said recess having a holding area which conforms to said restoring element.

18. A clutch disk as in claim 17 further comprising axial retaining components attached to the friction lining carrier to hold the at least one friction lining element axially in place.

19. A clutch disk as in claim 11 further comprising axial retaining components attached to the friction lining carrier to hold the at least one friction lining element axially in place, each said restoring element being provided on one of said axial retaining components.

20. A clutch disk as in claim 2 further comprising a friction increasing layer provided on one of said rear surface of each said friction lining element and each said axial support surface of said friction lining carrier.

21. A clutch disk as in claim 21 wherein each said friction increasing layer comprises a scatter sintered layer.